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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

21 January 1993

AM 10:00 CONVENE, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

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22 October 1992

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2. CFA 21/Jan/93-11, Public Law 102-479,
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Thomas Jefferson and the founding of the
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1. Shipstead-Luce Act

- a. S.L. 93-31, 3100 Whitehaven Street,
N.W., Center for Hellenic Studies.
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2. Old Georgetown Act

- a. O.G. 93-12, Georgetown University,
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Not on agenda: reviewed at a lunch break.

G. Department of the Navy, Chesapeake Division

1. CFA 21/Jan/93-8, Naval Station, Anacostia. Vehicle Maintenance Facility. Conceptual design.
2. CFA 21/Jan/93-9, Naval Station, Anacostia. Remote Delivery Site. Conceptual design.

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 93-33	516 North Capitol Street, N.W. US Property Development Corp. Roy Rogers	Sign and canopy - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement sign of individually mounted, back-lighted letters similar to existing sign, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 1993. No objection to replacement of canvas on existing canopy. Remove existing neon sign behind glass.

S.L. 93-34	450 5th Street, N.W.	Replacement
HPA. 93-108	Judiciary Plaza Ltd. Part. Roy Rogers	signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement signs.

S.L. 93-35	601 2nd Street, N.E. John L. Covrembis	Signs
	Union Station Pizza & Deli	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for two proposed signs, 2'-0" x 6'-0", over entrance doors, to display name of restaurant ONLY, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 1993.

S.L. 93-38	801 15th Street, N.W.	Sidewalk cafe
HPA. 93-138	Southern Building Associates Caffe Classico	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sidewalk cafe as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 1993.

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Appendix I

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 93-40	4636 Broad Branch Road, N.W. Steve Salop Residence	Addition - revised design - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed addition.

S.L. 93-42	1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	Awnings
HPA. 93-154	Peoples Drug Store	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awnings which conform to previous recommendations from the Commission. See previous Action S.L. 92-61.

S.L. 93-44	2135 Yorktown Road, N.W. James Rutherford Residence	Curb-cut and driveway - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed curb-cut with concrete apron and brick driveway which conforms with previously approved design. See previous Action (S.L. 92-77).

OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 93-8 HPA. 93-23	1300 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Germar Properties Ltd. Part. Franklin National Bank	Signs - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for two replacement signs. Sign over entrance door is not approved.		
O.G. 93-16 HPA. 93-60	1220 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Mr. Sidney Zlotnick Levi's Store	Alterations to front facade - conceptual
ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case no. O.G. 93-23.		
O.G. 93-20 HPA. 93-91	1214 30th Street, N.W. Susan Corn Carroll Residence	Alterations to windows on rear - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alteration of rear windows.		
O.G. 93-21 HPA. 93-113	3320 M Street, N.W. Robert & Patricia Cole Bamiyan Afghan Restaurant	Awning - revised design - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed shed type awning with lettering limited to the valance.		
O.G. 93-22 HPA. 93-114	1666 33rd Street, N.W. Ghazala Ommaya Cafe Samovar	Alterations, new railings, gates and shed - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations, new railings, gate and shed.		

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Appendix II

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 93-23	1220 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Alterations to
HPA. 93-115	Mr. Sidney Zlotnick	front facade -
	Levi's Store	revised design
		- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to facade as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 13 January 1993 which indicate vertical muntins on 2nd floor window, light fixtures over sign and removal of flagpole.

O.G. 93-25	1015 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	New door
HPA. 93-115	Daniel T. Donahoe	opening
	Video Store	and stoop -
		permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new door opening and stoop. Door color is to match existing doors.

O.G. 93-26	1201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Lighting
HPA. 93-121	Riggs National Bank	fixtures
		- revised
		design - permit

ACTION: Returned without action. Case was withdrawn by written request from applicant.

O.G. 93-27	1227 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Fence,
HPA. 93-122	Stuart Lyddane	skylight,
	Rodeo Cantina Restaurant	and mechanical
		equipment at
		rear - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed fence, skylight and mechanical equipment at rear of building.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 93-28 HPA. 93-124	1218 Bank Street, N.W. Richard M. Huber, Jr. Residence	Addition of garage - revised design - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed addition of garage as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 15 January 1993 which indicate treatment of trellis over gate and planters on the terrace. Piers beside doors and on balustrade shall align vertically.		
O.G. 93-29 HPA. 93-125	1053 31st Street, N.W. Allen-Mitchell Co.	New emergency egress door openings - conceptual
ACTION: Returned without Action. Case superseded by case no. O.G. 93-37.		
O.G. 93-30 HPA. 93-126	1507 33rd Street, N.W. Gonzalo de Ojeda Residence	Rear additions - conceptual
ACTION: No objection to concept of rear additions. Recommend additional studies for treatment of three story high windows.		
O.G. 93-32 HPA. 93-128	3307 M Street, N.W. Harbor Group - Georgetown, Inc.	Satellite dish antenna - conceptual
ACTION: No objection to concept of installation of satellite dish antenna, preferably on location B within the courtyard, screened with hedges and away from public view.		

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 93-33	1516 34th Street, N.W.	Basement
HPA. 93-129	John Richardson Residence	addition and alterations, fence - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed basement addition and alterations including basement entrance and new fence.

O.G. 93-35	1666 33rd Street, N.W.	Sign -
HPA. 93-150	Ghazala Ommaya Cafe Samovar	permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated January 1993 which indicates dimensions of sign and lettering similar to sign on adjacent structure.

O.G. 93-37	1053 31st Street, N.W.	New emergency
HPA. 93-159	Allen-Mitchell Co	egress door openings - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new emergency egress door openings. Doors are to match color of brick.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS PRE-MEETING TOUR

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CONVENE: 8:00 AM, Pension Building, Suite 312,
441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

1. Site for new stadium, East Capitol Street and Anacostia River, northeast of existing RFK Stadium.
2. Bolling/Anacostia Naval Station, Anacostia. Inspect sites for vehicle maintenance facility and remote delivery site, and discuss future development of entire area.

Members Present:

The Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
The Hon. Joan Abrahamson
The Hon. Adele Chatfield-Taylor
The Hon. Jeannine Smith Clark
The Hon. George Hartman
The Hon. Robert Peck

Staff Present:

Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Jose Martinez-Canino

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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The meeting was convened at 10:15 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at the Pension Building, 441 F Street, N.W., after a tour of project sites.

Members present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
 Hon. Joan Abrahamson
 Hon. Adele Chatfield-Taylor
 Hon. Jeannine Smith Clark
 Hon. George E. Hartman
 Hon. Robert A. Peck

Staff present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
 Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant
 Secretary
 Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
 Mrs. Sue Kohler
 Mr. Jose Martinez-Canino

National Capital
Planning Commission
staff present:

Mr. Patrick Tribe

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of minutes: 29 October 1992. The minutes were approved without objection.

B. Dates of next meetings. Approved as:

18 February 1993
22 April 1993

C. Lighting mock-up at National Building Museum, 9 December 1992; report. The Secretary said he had several memoranda on this subject that he would like to make part of the record. He then reported the concurrence of all present that the lighting proposal was not at all satisfactory, especially the plan to light the roof of the building; he noted the negative effect this would have on the city's

monuments. The Chairman added that the lighting in general was much too bright, and he said those responsible had agreed to tone it down. Mr. Atherton said it would be brought to the Commission again when it had been given more thought.

Exhibit A

At this time the Secretary noted the death of Chloethiel Woodard Smith, member of the Commission from 1967 to 1976. The Chairman observed that Mrs. Smith's career was one of the early success stories of women in architecture, and he commented on the influence she had had on the city. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

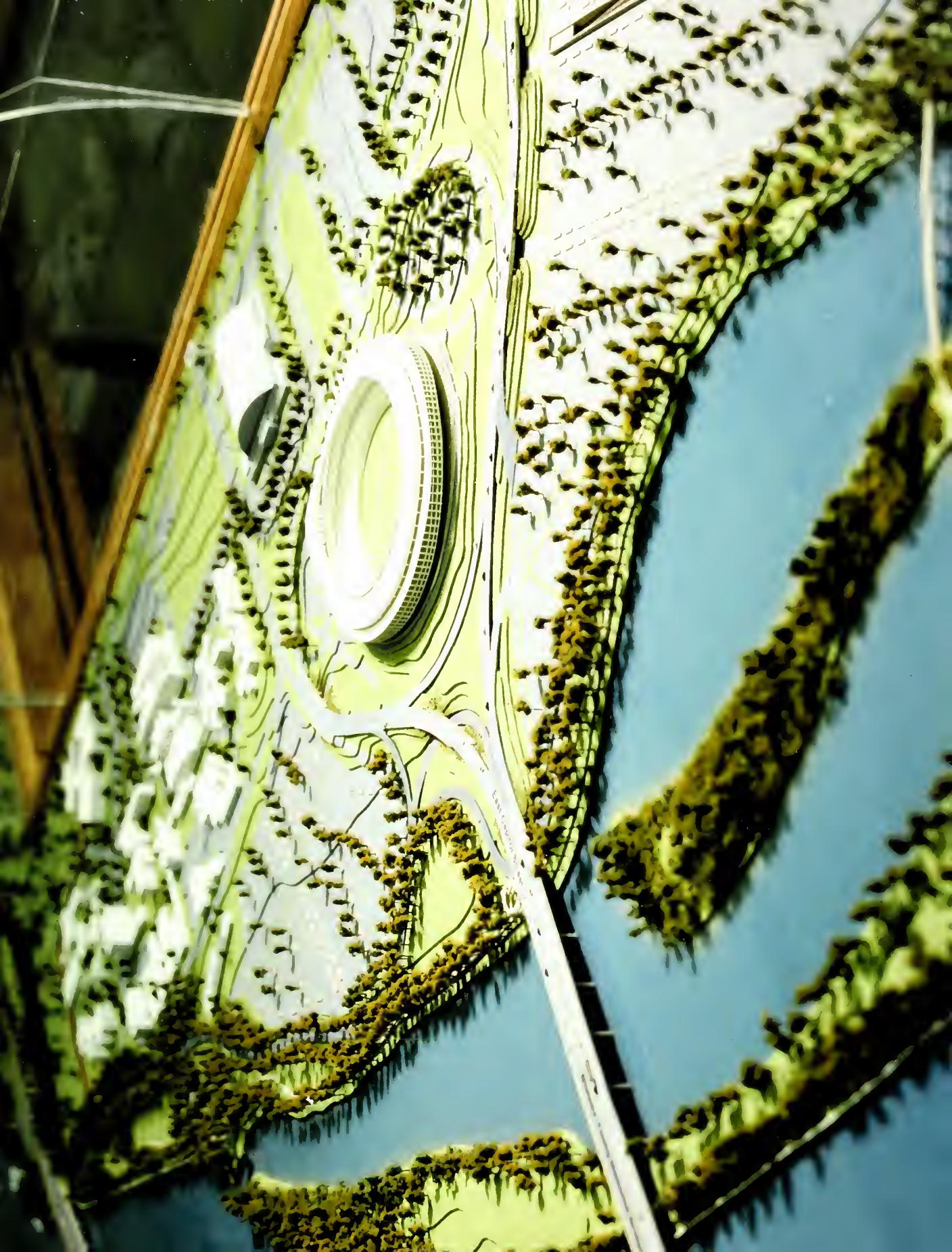
Mr. Peck said he would like to state, for the record, that Secretary Atherton had been one of four recent recipients of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award for his work at the Commission and his commitment to the Washington community. The members congratulated the Secretary on the receipt of this honor.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

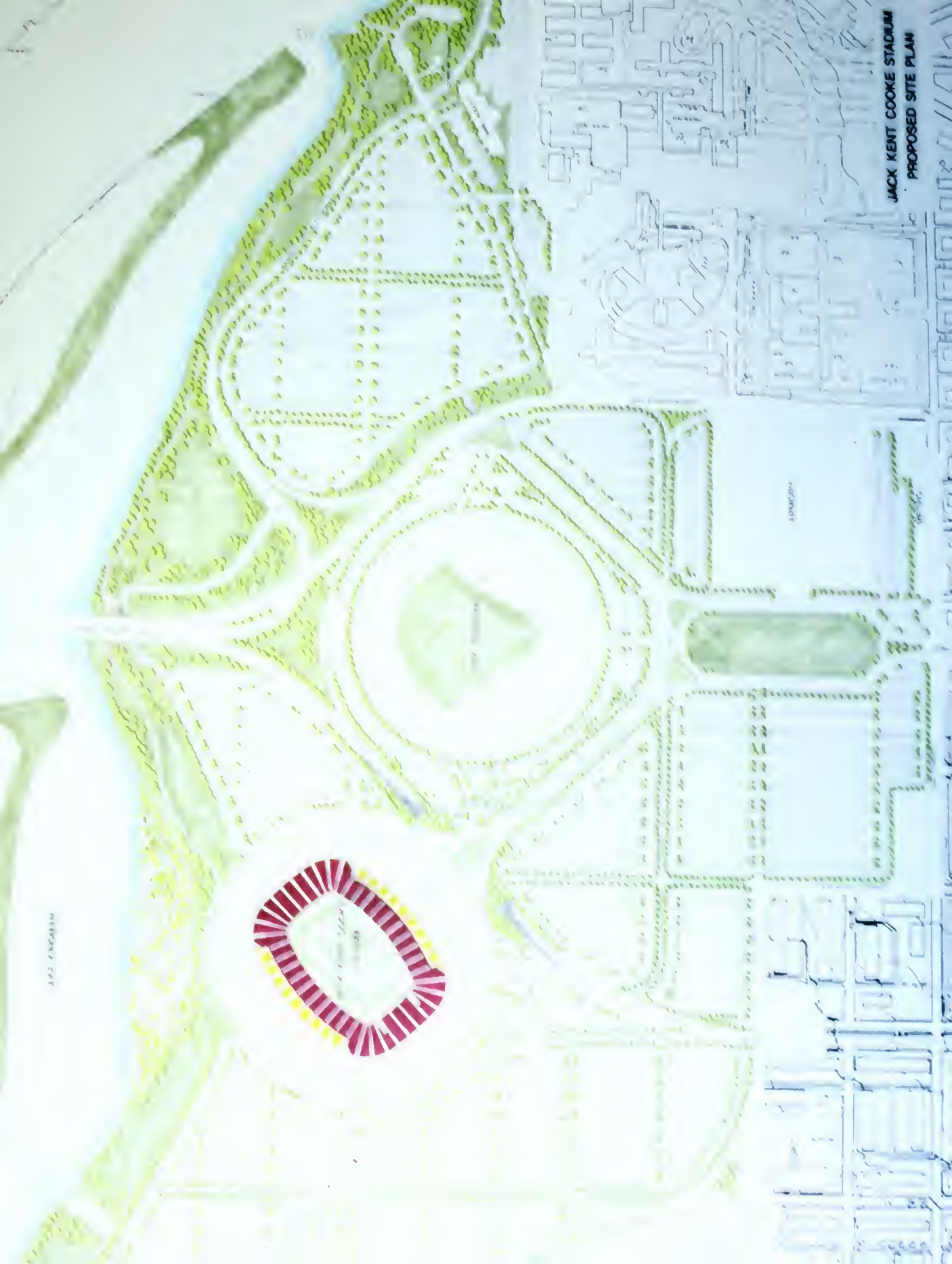
A. Government of the District of Columbia and the National Park Service, National Capital Region

CFA 21/JAN/93-1, East Capitol Street and Anacostia River, northeast of existing RFK Stadium. Proposed new stadium. The Assistant Secretary noted that the members had visited the site on their pre-meeting tour; he added, by way of background, that the Commission had never approved the site or design of the 1960s RFK Stadium which, he said, was being proposed for retention as a future baseball stadium. He then introduced John Parsons from the Park Service, who recalled that suggestions for a stadium in this area went back to 1930, and that planning for RFK Stadium had begun in 1957. He said the stadium had been turned over to the D. C. Government in 1984, but the land remained under Park Service jurisdiction, hence the joint submission. Mr. Parsons introduced Deputy Mayor George Brown, who told the members that the city was committed to moving forward as quickly as possible with plans for the new football stadium.

Mr. Parsons showed the proposed site, northeast of RFK stadium, on an aerial photo, pointing out also the nearby golf course, Kingman Lake, Children's Island, and the location of the new Barney Circle Bridge. He observed that the site was a restricted one, defined by the Anacostia River wetlands on one side and the Metro tracks and right-of-way on the other; he noted also the proximity to RFK Stadium, as well as a high school and housing area in the vicinity. Another restriction mentioned by Mr. Parsons was the orientation relative to the sun--he said it had to be correct for playing football. He said that since two stadiums were needed, one for baseball and one for football, RFK Stadium would be retained. Mr. Parsons said parking would be studied later; he added that the present lots were being completely reconfigured to accommodate more



1. CFA 21 January 93-1. RFK Stadium.
Existing condition.



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2. CFA 21 January 93-1. Proposed new stadium site plan adjacent to RFK.



3. CFA 21 January 93-1. Proposed new stadium.



4. CFA 21 January 93-1. Proposed new stadium. Entrance court/plaza

small cars and would hold 18,500 vehicles. In answer to the Chairman's question, Mr. Parsons said the two stadiums would not be in use at the same time. He said the Planning Commission was studying the site as part of their monumental core study, adding that there was a possibility that RFK Stadium would be replaced in the future by another building on the opposite side of the East Capitol Street axis.

Walter Lynch, project engineer for the Jack Kent Cooke organization, was introduced; he turned over the presentation to the design architect, Ron Turner, from Ellerbe/Becket. Mr. Turner pointed out the axial relationships of the buildings now on or proposed for the site and then talked about the entry and exit systems for the new stadium. He showed drawings, noting that the main entrance would be on the long axis, with the service entry on the short end near the Metro tracks. There would be elevators, 24 escalators and a ramp system (primarily for exit) to reach the three seating levels. There would be a green space in front of the complex, where people could congregate, and a great many trees in the parking lots. Entry would be into a large, two-story public space at the concourse level, and there would be four-to-six-story glazed atrium spaces to accommodate a variety of activities and offer views of the city. He showed sections, commenting that visibility would be good even in the lowest seats because they had been raised nine feet above the playing field. Sixty percent of the seating would be below the upper level, where most of the seats would be on the sidelines; suites would be located at intermediate levels. Mr. Turner said the scoreboards would be low, so that they would not protrude above the roof. Capacity of the stadium would be 78,000 seats. Renderings of the exterior showed large expanses of glass between the piers, which Mr. Turner said would allow views into the stadium and not close it off from the city. The basic material would be precast concrete in a smooth finish, possibly with some rougher finished areas.

The Chairman said he was pleased with the concept generally, and he asked the other members for their comments. Mr. Peck said his concern was that the building did not relate to Washington architecture and did not provide a monumental entrance to the city; he noted the contrast with the new stadium in Baltimore, which seemed to be so much a part of the urban fabric. He thought the Washington stadium should have at least some classical reference. Mr. Turner said the building was meant to be a contemporary expression, as RFK Stadium had been; in regard to its function as a monumental entrance to the city, he said the design had not been worked

out in detail yet, and it would be more imposing in the final version.

Ms. Chatfield-Taylor thought the simplicity of the design seemed right, and she liked the site because it was in a shallow depression and would help lower the mass of the building. She said she was concerned about the amount of surface parking and was at least happy to hear that Metro would be so close. However, Mr. Turner pointed out that although the tracks would be very close, the station was actually several blocks away. Mr. Peck commented that the distance from Metro, plus surrounding the building with parking, would mean that the District would not derive much economic benefit from the stadium. He observed also that the existing Metro station was inadequate to handle the stadium crowds. The Chairman asked if it would be possible to build a spur of Metro so there would be a station right at the entrance. He added that a parking structure, such as the new one at Arlington Cemetery, should be considered, rather than macadamizing the entire riverfront. Mr. Lynch said he had been told by Metro officials that a station was physically impossible at the stadium site. Mr. Peck again expressed the members' general concern that the whole riverfront would be taken over by parking; he also wondered if construction on the site could meet the stringent wetlands regulations. Mr. Parsons said there would be no encroachment on the wetlands.

Ms. Abrahamson asked if the shoreline could be altered to provide more room, and Mr. Hartman agreed that a broader shoreline would benefit both the stadium site and Children's Island. He noted that the present shoreline was not natural, that it had been created by the Corps of Engineers in the recent past; he said he would not have a problem with changing it again if it would provide a more flexible site. Mr. Parsons said he was not sure this would be possible because of the wetlands law. The Chairman pointed out that the shoreline as created by the Corps of Engineers was not successful in that this part of the river no longer cleaned itself, resulting in its becoming a stagnant cesspool.

Ms. Abrahamson had some further questions about the design of the building, and Mr. Peck again expressed his concern that it had none of the monumental quality that characterized Washington's traditional public architecture. The Chairman said he did not think this site was really related to that part of the city, unlike the Baltimore stadium, which was responding to a specific urban context. He said he did not see this site as having any urban feeling at all, and he found the clean, horizontal design expressive of its function. He thought it wise to stay away from classical references, although he agreed that the entrance could have a more festive quality. Mr. Peck thought there

should be some way to make the stadium look less isolated and more like part of the city--perhaps with some shops added as part of the complex.

Mr. Hartman said that if this site was going to be used, a way would have to be found to deal with one of the primary restrictions--either Metro or the waterfront. If the shoreline could not be adjusted, he suggested moving the building between Metro and the residential area, or even taking the Armory site. Ms. Chatfield-Taylor thought that Metro should take another look at providing a station at the stadium. Mr. Turner pointed out that the station should not be too close or there would be an unmanageable jam of people at the entrance. Deputy Mayor Brown said there were many sensitive issues in moving the building nearer the residential area. He added that he believed the team was making a real effort to blend the building into the surroundings and bring some benefit to the neighborhood. The Chairman said he thought a parking structure would help the site problem, as would moving the shoreline. Noting the deteriorating condition of RFK Stadium, he suggested that another civic building might take its place on the other side of the axis to balance the football stadium.

There was a further discussion of the siting problems in relation to Metro, and of the parking question, with Mr. Lynch noting that Redskin ticket holders liked the surface parking because it had become a place for social activity. He said he thought the extensive tree planting in the lots, following the grid pattern of the city streets, would take the curse off the great expanse of paving. He also commented that a parking structure would be economically unfeasible, not only because of its initial cost, but because it would be empty between games.

The Chairman then asked for a motion to approve the basic concept with the caveats given. There was no response, and Mr. Peck said his feeling was that an approval would act as a green light to go ahead and would not result in bringing about the changes desired; he thought the Commission's comments and suggestions should be examined first, and then another submission made. He made a motion to that effect and it was seconded and carried, with Mrs. Clark opposed and Mr. Hartman abstaining because of a possible conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Brown said he was concerned about the time element, and Mr. Turner asked if concept approval for the building could be separated from the urban design elements. Ms. Chatfield-Taylor told the deputy mayor that in asking for further investigation of the problems the Commission was trying to strengthen the city's hand, not hold up the process. The Chairman agreed. He told Deputy Mayor Brown that the

Commission was enthusiastic about having the stadium in Washington at this location, and he did not think anything that had been said should hold up further site and design development. Exhibit B

B. General Services Administration, National Capital Region

CFA 21/JAN/93-2, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Metropolitan Field Office; Square 530, between 3rd, 4th, F & G Streets, N.W. Design development. (Previous: CFA 24/SEP/92-7) Staff member Jose Martinez recalled that after the previous submission the Commission had asked for further study of the 4th Street elevation with a view to increasing the vertical emphasis at the northern end so as to achieve a better balance with the asymmetrical entrance element.

Milo Meacham, from Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, was introduced to show the changes that had been made. He showed a new 4th Street elevation, pointing out the increased verticality brought about by adjustments to the fenestration and by the use of pilasters, similar to the F Street elevation. He noted also that there had been minor changes to the corner elements, further embellishment of the roof, and the addition of a small amount of rustication. The members thought the facade was much improved, and the revisions were unanimously approved. Exhibit C

C. Department of the Army, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

1. CFA 21/JAN/93-3, Fort Myer, Virginia. Expansion of Main Exchange. Staff member Jeffrey Carson introduced Dick Turner from the Corps of Engineers to discuss this submission. Mr. Turner said the addition would be an infill structure, added to the southwest corner of the existing one-story building; he located it near Hadfield Gate. Mr. Turner said the exchange was well-screened with trees, which would remain, and there would be no additional parking. The west elevation would appear as a two-story structure, and the exterior design would repeat what was already there: a simple brick structure with a flat roof. An exterior garden sales area would be screened by a brick wall and decorative wrought-iron fence.

There were no objections, and the final design for the addition and a landscape plan was unanimously approved.

Exhibit D

2. CFA 21/JAN/93-4, Fort Myer, Virginia. New Logistics Support Facility. Tom Rowe, from the Corps of Engineers, noted that this and the following project had been designed by a private architectural firm, Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern.



5. CFA 21 January 93-2. Proposed
FBI Field Office. Judiciary
Square.

Architect Michael Brennan first noted that there were important contextural issues involved with this site at the northern edge of the post--its topographic depression and its visibility from the officers club and pool area uphill to the south. He said it was now a fully developed site with four buildings, gas pumps and tanks, and parking for passenger and other vehicles. The buildings, fuel service, and parking for the Old Guard ceremonial unit would be removed. The Property Book Accounting Branch, now using the site, would be relocated in a new building, which would also house several other logistics facilities being transferred to Fort Myer because of the closing of Cameron Station in Alexandria. The new structure would consist of a one-story section to the south, for warehouse and loading-dock facilities, where it would be screened from the officers club and pool area by a natural embankment. A two-story section, at the north, facing Route 50, would house office and retail sales functions; it had a more commercial appearance. Mr. Brennan noted the skylights where the one-and two-story sections were joined; he said they were added to provide additional light and give some variety to the roof as seen from above. Mr. Peck commented on the high visibility of the roof and asked what the material would be. Mr. Brennan said the roof would be covered with non-glare, earthtone stones. The exterior would be brick with precast trim, and the north facade featured a glass block window over the main entrance. The primary vehicular loop drive would be lined with trees, and landscaped islands would help soften and screen various separate parking areas. It was noted that the pool area parking had been separated and screened.

There were no further questions or objections, and the concept design was unanimously approved. Exhibit D

3. CFA 21/JAN/93-5, Fort Myer, Virginia. New Vehicle Maintenance Facility. Mr. Carson had commented, when he introduced the first Fort Myer project, that the Commission had been particularly concerned about the unattractive appearance of this area when they took a recent tour of Arlington Cemetery. Mr. Brennan said there was an existing vehicle maintenance facility on the site, whose south boundary faced the cemetery. He described the bare-ground site as being covered with storage areas, dumpsters, parking lots and two buildings (both to be demolished) that presented an unsightly appearance from the cemetery. As with the Logistics Complex, additional vehicle maintenance functions would be transferred from Cameron Station, and the Old Guard vehicle parking now at the Logistics Complex would be relocated on this site. All functions would be housed in two new buildings, sited with their short ends facing the cemetery to minimize their impact. A natural embankment at the west end of the site would help screen bus parking from uphill areas

and landscaped islands would screen other parking. The buildings themselves would further screen the view of both bus and smaller vehicle parking. Heavy planting in a serpentine form along a historic stone wall would screen and soften the view from the cemetery, and other landscaping would be added where needed. Mr. Brennan said the buildings themselves would be utilitarian brick structures, 24 feet high, with precast trim. The flat roofs would be covered in non-glare, earthtoned stone.

There were, in general, no objections to the concept design. Ms. Chatfield-Taylor asked for restudy of the relationship of the entrance doors to the fenestration pattern on several of the facades, and again, there were questions from Messrs. Hartman and Peck about the visibility of the roofs from above. Mr. Hartman commented on the sloping roofs on the existing buildings and thought this approach might be better than an unrelieved expanse of flat roof. Photographs brought by the architect showed that the visibility from above would probably be minimal, but Mr. Peck asked that actual views be brought in when the final drawings were seen. The concept design was then unanimously approved, with the recommendations for study mentioned above. Exhibit D

D. Smithsonian Institution

1. CFA 21/JAN/93-6, National Zoological Park. Renovation of Monkey House and addition of Orangutan Transit System (OTS). Final working drawings. (Previous: CFA 24/SEP/92-3.) Mr. Martinez noted the concept approval given to this project in September; he said the final working drawings and landscape plan were now ready, and he introduced Joseph Weiss from Coastal Design to discuss them.

Mr. Weiss said there had been no changes in the building plans, and only minor ones to the landscaping scheme. He said that part of the area around the OTS had been kept free of landscaping so that tents could be erected during the annual "Zoofari" festival, and he pointed out that plant material had been added to discourage people from walking out into the meadow where the OTS would cross.

There were no questions, and the final working drawings and landscape plan were unanimously approved. Exhibit E

2. CFA 21/JAN/93-10, Castle Quadrangle. Projects.

a. African Art Museum courtyard gate. Mr. Carson showed a plan of the Museum and the Quadrangle garden area and pointed out the east wall of the Museum courtyard, through which the proposed round-arched gate opening would be cut. It would connect the courtyard walkway with the Enid

Haupt Garden walkway. Mr. Carson noted that the wall was faced with granite on the outside and detailed with stucco panels as it faced the courtyard. He said the Smithsonian was also planning to make the stucco slightly rougher and darker as part of the new construction.

There was no objection the new gate, and it was unanimously approved. Exhibit F

b. Service drive safety railing. Mr. Carson showed photographs, noting the retaining walls and existing gate across the service entrance to the Quadrangle. He said the railing would be placed on top of the walls as soon as the construction fence for the Freer renovation came down. It would match the existing gate and section of fence.

There were no objections, and the safety railings were unanimously approved. Exhibit F

E. Department of the Treasury, United States Mint

1. CFA 21/JAN/93-7, Public Law 102-281, Congressional medal for veterans of the Persian Gulf. Design. Staff member Sue Kohler recalled that the members had been sent copies of the proposed obverse and reverse designs of this medal. She noted that the legislation varied from the usual in that it required that bronze copies be minted first and sold to the public to raise money for the veterans' silver medals; the silver medals could not be struck unless adequate funds had been raised from the sale of the bronze medals.

Mrs. Kohler said that since the members had received the designs, there had been some changes made to both sides, particularly the obverse. She showed the new designs and then introduced Barry Frere and George Schafer from the Mint to answer questions.

The members were of the unanimous opinion that the new obverse was no better than the original and perhaps worse. There were too many elements of military hardware and too much detail in the soldiers' uniforms. It was suggested that the soldiers be removed entirely, the other elements reduced in number and detail and arranged to give some sense of design. The eagle on the reverse was considered an improvement on the original version, and the design for this side of the medal was approved. Exhibit G

2. CFA 21/JAN/93--11, Public Law 102-479, Congressional medal to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and the founding of the American Philosophical Society.

Mrs. Kohler said this medal would be struck in gold and presented to the American Philosophical Society; fifty bronze duplicates would be struck for the society to award as it saw fit. She showed designs for the medal. On the obverse was a portrait of Jefferson based on the bust by Houdon. The reverse carried the seal of the American Philosophical Society. There were no objections to the reverse, and it was approved unanimously. The obverse, too, was approved, but with the following recommendations for change: Ms. Chatfield-Taylor asked that the titles "Statesman", "Author", "Architect" and "Citizen" be placed in a single, rather than double row around the edge. Ms. Abrahamson objected to the juxtaposition of "USA - APS" and it was recommended that both abbreviations be removed. All agreed that the scroll detail around the oval was too fussy and should be removed. Mr. Frere said he would take these comments back to the Mint.

Exhibit H

F. Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 93-31, 3100 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Center for Hellenic Studies. Renovation and addition. Conceptual. Mr. Carson located the site on a map, saying that it was adjacent to Dumbarton Oaks Park (a spur of Rock Creek Park), and just north of Georgetown. He described the project as a free-standing addition to the existing bachelors quarters, and the joining of the two buildings by a colonnaded walkway. The work would also include renovation of the existing quarters. He introduced the architect, Richard Williams, of the firm of Williams and Dynerman, to make the presentation.

Mr. Williams said the Center for Hellenic Studies was affiliated with Harvard University and had been founded in 1962 by the Old Dominion Foundation to provide facilities for post-graduate studies in Greek language and archeology. He said the campus included an administration building, library, refectory, and living quarters for scholars. At this time there was a need for additional bachelor housing with both indoor and outdoor recreational space, which would be provided by the new building and its "back yard". The addition would be harmonious in style with the other buildings on the campus, and would have a white brick base with white stucco walls above; the colonnade would be formed of attenuated Doric columns of wood, painted white, and it would tie into the existing circulation pattern through the campus. Mr. Williams said he had been particularly conscious of the siting of the addition in relation to the existing buildings and public space, and particularly to its visibility from Whitehaven Street.

Mr. Hartman told Mr. Williams that he should be alert to the fact that there was a wonderful plainness about the existing buildings, and he should be careful not to make too much of this addition. The Chairman commented on the use of a colonnade derived from the Greek stoa, noting that unlike its ancestors, this one had a bend at the end. Mr. Williams said he had had to depart from a straight line because of the location of a large tree. This seemed a satisfactory answer, and as there were no more questions or objections, the concept design was unanimously approved. Exhibit I

b. Appendix I. The Appendix was approved without objection.

2. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 93-12, Georgetown University, Loyola, Xavier, and Ryder halls. Renovation and addition. Permit. The Assistant Secretary said this project had been reviewed by the Georgetown Board twice, resulting in approval, had received approval from the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and was now in the working drawing stage. He noted that there had been objections from some people in the community, and then introduced architect David King from Florance, Eichbaum, Esocoff & King.

Mr. King showed a site plan, pointing out the three halls on the corner of Prospect and 35th streets. He said the buildings all had a history of institutional and dormitory use. Ryder Hall was built in 1898, Loyola in 1920, and Xavier in 1955. He said links would be provided between the buildings to connect them and provide stair access for egress; they would then form one dormitory with 280 beds. As all three buildings opened onto a courtyard, this area would be made the social and activity center and the principal entry, thus reducing noise, litter, and traffic on the surrounding residential streets. In addition to providing the links and improving the courtyard area, there would be extensive interior renovation and upgrading of mechanical systems. Mr. King then showed drawings of the exterior alterations, noting that an effort had been made to be sensitive to the character of these simple, red brick buildings and to the historic district generally.

Edward Schwartz, the ANC representative from the area, asked to speak. He said the neighbors adjacent to the dormitories were strongly opposed to the plans and had filed an appeal to the BZA approval. He said they had a number of objections, some of them relevant to the Commission's area of concern. He said the drawings were deceptive in that they did not show how close the residential area was to the dormitories--only about 60 feet from the windows. He said the

buildings were on the outer edge of university property, were really within the residential area, and much too large in relation to the small houses. He said he realized the university was trying to get students out of the community, but the residents thought this was not far enough.

Carrie Frank, representing Georgetown University, said these buildings had been used as dormitories for many years, although they were vacant now, awaiting remodeling. She said they had, in the past, housed about 300 students. (The number had been considerably less than that in recent years.) Mr. Schwartz said he thought the university should reduce the density, not make the problem worse, or use the buildings for something more appropriate for the residential area. Tom Bolger, a resident of 3414 N Street, also testified against the project because of the increased student density it would bring to the neighborhood.

The jurisdictional question was then brought up. The Chairman said the Commission was limited to design review and could not rule on social questions. He said the design had been approved by the Georgetown Board, and he thought it improved the appearance of the buildings. The other members agreed, and the final drawings for the additions and renovation were approved. Exhibit I

b. Appendix II. Attention was called to a satellite antenna on commercial property at 3307 M Street, N.W. (O.G. 93-32), and it was noted that the Citizens Association of Georgetown had objected to this and all other satellite dishes in Georgetown. The Assistant Secretary said the Georgetown Board thought it could be located so it would not be visible. The members asked that the final plans, with sight line studies, be brought to the Commission.

The remainder of the Appendix was then unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Signed,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Department of the Navy, Chesapeake Division, asked that the Commission consider the following two projects outside the public meeting:

1. CFA 21/JAN/93-8, Naval Station, Anacostia. Vehicle Maintenance Facility. Conceptual design.
2. CFA 21/JAN/93-9, Naval Station, Anacostia. Remote delivery site. Conceptual design.

The Commission inspected the sites for these buildings during the pre-meeting tour, looked at plans, and discussed the projects with Larry Earle, the Navy's representative. Because of their low profile, it was thought that the buildings would not be especially visible from the public road system or from across the river; however, the members told Mr. Earle that it was important that the materials and color match, in general, those of the nearby Aircraft Support Facility.

The members also took this opportunity to express to Mr. Earle their concern about the piecemeal approach to development at the Naval Station, located on a prime piece of riverfront property with great visibility from other parts of the city.

Further review of drawings and models during the luncheon break resulted in approval of the conceptual design for both buildings, with the previous recommendations regarding materials and color. Exhibit J

Vietnam Women's Memorial.

The members also looked at drawings showing minor changes to the final plaza and landscape design of this memorial, made since the submission at the 24 September 1992 meeting. The changes were approved. Exhibit K

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EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members; CFA

FROM: CHA *ATK*

SUBJECT: Lighting Demo/Pension Building; Dec 1992

A couple of points worth focusing on:

- o The lighting consultant, Ray Grenald, has a tendency to overdo everything. The danger here is that if overdone, the Building Museum, given its red brick and enormous bulk, would seriously diminish the preeminence of what traditionally have been our two dominant symbols on the night skyline: the Capitol and the Washington Monument.
- o The lighting of the Pension Building, as with other buildings out of the central core, ideally should be a low-key event and blend into the fabric of the city around it. It should not be a major element visible from many areas of the city.
- o Caution should be taken to any lighting of the gable ends of the central element, especially the one facing south which can be seen over the roof of Old City Hall on the Fourth Street axis. If anything should be illuminated on this axis as seen from the Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue, it is City Hall and not the Pension Office. The view of a glowing red gable end looming over the Fourth Street axis would be most unfortunate.
- o The exterior lighting should be a glow at ground level, making the adjoining public areas "user friendly". The F Street and G Street entrances can be given special emphasis, but again at a level that does not reach to the cornice line.
- o At no place should the green copper roof be illuminated
- o The interior lighting should also be of concern. Again,

my initial contact with the consultant led me to believe he was going overboard with equipment, and I sounded a note of caution. Anything eventually done on the inside should be fitted with dimmers to suit the considerable range of events held in the hall.

The lighting demo is scheduled for 6:30pm. We first will convene indoors at the fountain.

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MEMORANDUM: For The Record

TO: CFA

FROM: JRC

SUBJECT: Lighting Demonstration at the Pension Building 9
December 1992

Representatives of the consultant, Ray Grenald, presented the proposed new interior/exterior lighting scheme to a substantial herd of interested parties, including NCPC, NPS, GSA, Smithsonian and HPRB staff as well as the Architect of the Capital, George White, and the Chairman, JCB. Also present from CFA were DBM and JRC.

The proposal calls for using metal halide to illuminate the entire superstructure of the museum inside and out, thereby forming a beacon on the skyline. The consultants also advocate a wash of light, the source located in the basement areaways, to highlight ground floor architectural features, thereby casting grotesque shadows over the pictorial frieze banding the building.

In effect, the blue-white metal halide (as proven by the Smithsonian with respect to lighting the Castle) tends to grey out the red of the exterior brick work. Worse, the intensity of the light reverses the traditional contrast of the warmly lighted windows to the relatively dark exterior walls. To correct the resulting problem and restore the primacy of the clearstory and monitor windows, the consultants propose using the same blue-white light in an intense wash of the interior ceiling and trusswork spanning the great hall. The resulting wash greys out the warm tones of the walls the closer they are to the ceiling and compels the eye upward, stripping the hall of its rich texture, subtlety and warmth. The term used was "gymnasium-like".

From the outside, the metal halide combination of brightly lighted superstructure and window glare was compared to the image of a factory. George White initiated

comments by saying "less is more....much less". Don Jackson pointed out that the proposal would introduce a disconcerting anomaly on the skyline as seen above Old City Hall from the Mall, whereas the existing warm glow from the windows alone is very much appreciated. When the consultants turned off the demonstration lights, leaving only two street lamps, the ambient glow from the National Law Enforcement Memorial, and the original incandescent interior light, JCB's final comment was to say; "Now that's the effect we want".

The sum total of the reactions expressed was that the lighting scheme presented was inappropriate and out of character.

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EXHIBIT B

21 January 1993

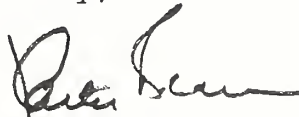
Dear Mr. Brown:

The Commission of Fine Arts was pleased to see plans for the new football stadium at its meeting today. As you could tell from our discussions, we are enthusiastic supporters of a new stadium at this location which, as you may know, was our preferred site at the time the present stadium was completed in the early 1960's. Our hope is that at some point in the future the East Capitol Street axis can be reopened, at least visually, and that any additional stadium be built to the south of the RFK site to balance the new football stadium.

We are concerned by two factors that impinge upon the new structure. These consist of the Metro line to the west and the Anacostia River's edge to the east. Since the current Metro stop is such a distance from the stadium, it would be most desirable if some way were found to take advantage of the close proximity of the rail line by, for instance, providing a spur or siding that could serve as additional access to mass transit to the stadium. As to the river, the current edge would be far too close to the new stadium in its present configuration and should be relocated to the east. This line, after all, is not a natural edge to the river, having been created by the Army Engineer Corps many years ago out of what were then mud flats. The situation is not unlike conditions that existed on the Potomac shoreline where the Lincoln Memorial now sits. We feel that expanding the size of this space would help not only the siting of the new stadium, but provide a much improved area with greater public access to the river itself, conceivably for water uses. We asked the architects to give further study to these issues and report back to us by our next meeting in February.

Again let me reemphasize our support for this project. It is a great opportunity to make a major contribution to the public, both as a much-needed facility for Washington football, and as a major investment in this area of the city.

Sincerely,

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J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. George W. Brown
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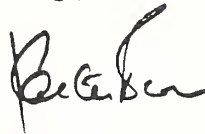
EXHIBIT C

Dear Mr. Sherman:

During its meeting 21 January 1993, the Commission reviewed and approved the revised concept design for the proposed Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Metropolitan Field Office at 4th and G Street, N.W. The revised window openings, set-backs, corner treatments and rustication, in conjunction with the expressive roof structure, are a big improvement over the previous scheme.

We look forward to future submissions as the design develops. This should include samples of materials for review.

Sincerely,

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J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Thomas M. Sherman
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EXHIBIT D

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

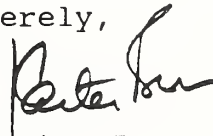
During its meeting of 21 January 1993, the Commission reviewed three projects for Fort Myer: a new logistics support facility, a new vehicle maintenance facility under your supervision, and an expansion of the existing Main Exchange. The addition to the Main Exchange, along with its landscape design, is approved. The new logistics support facility and vehicle maintenance facility are both approved as concepts. Final plans should be submitted along with detailed and appropriate landscape drawings at a later date.

With respect to the vehicle maintenance facility, the Commission recommends further study of the pedestrian entrance doorways in relation to the scale of the adjacent garage door and window opening. As an aside, the members regret that a more imaginative roof design was considered inappropriate, but acknowledge the reasoning behind that decision.

In making a final presentation to the Commission, it is recommended that the visual material include renderings and/or perspectives showing more realistic views of the two projects from ground level approaches.

The Commission notes that Fort Myer is experiencing a considerable increase in construction activity and further understands that such activity is a direct result of the proposed closing of Cameron Station. In this light, the members look forward to reviewing additional projects as the need develops. As always, the staff is available should questions arise.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Richard C. Armstrong, P.E.
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EXHIBIT E

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed and approved the final working drawings for the renovation and addition to the Monkey House and for the Orangutan Transit System (O.T.S.) during its meeting 21 January 1993. Detailed landscaping plans and schedules of plant materials were also reviewed and approved. The members look forward to seeing the facility upon completion of the project.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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EXHIBIT F

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Dear Mr. Dillman:

During its meeting of 21 January 1993, the Commission reviewed and approved two small projects for the Smithsonian Quadrangle. The first, an archway through an existing courtyard wall separating the National Museum of African Art pavilion from the Arts and Industries Building, is absolutely straightforward and logical. The second, a continuation of the existing metal gates and railing protecting the service drive and underground garage entrance, marks the completion of the Freer Gallery renovation and consequent removal of the construction fence. The members found the proposals sensible and appropriate to the general character of the quadrangle area.

Sincerely,

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J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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EXHIBIT G

Dear Mr. Ryder:

At its meeting on 21 January, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed designs for a congressional silver medal honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict.

The reverse was approved, but the obverse was not considered satisfactory. The design lacked strength because of the great number of elements included, and it would be confusing and unintelligible when reduced to medal size. The suggestion was made that the figures be eliminated and the design consist of representations of a limited amount of military hardware with the burning oil fields in the background.

The staff would be happy to review a revised design when it is ready.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

The Honorable David J. Ryder, Director
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EXHIBIT H

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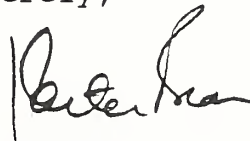
At its meeting on 21 January, the Commission reviewed designs for a congressional medal commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and the founding of the American Philosophical Society.

I am happy to tell you that the designs for both the obverse and reverse were approved, although the members requested that the following changes be made to the obverse:

1. Place the titles "Statesman", "Author", "Architect", and "Citizen" in a single, rather than double, row around the edge.
2. Remove the initials "USA" and "APS" from below "Third President".
3. Remove the scroll detail from the edge of the oval that encloses "Third President".

The staff will be available to your representatives should any questions arise.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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AGENDA ITEM EXHIBITS

21 January 1993

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 93-31	3100 Whitehaven Street, N.W. Center for Hellenic Studies	Alterations and addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for the proposed renovation of and addition to the structure known as the "Bachelor's Quarters". Submit working drawings for review when ready.

O.G. 93-12	1221 36th Street, N.W.	Additions
HPA. 93-56	Georgetown University Loyola, Xavier & Ryder Halls	- permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for renovation and additions to Loyola, Xavier, and Ryder Halls. The proposed renovation of these buildings was found to be sensitive to their original character and appropriate to the historic district architecturally.

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2 February 1993

EXHIBIT J

Dear Mr. Faught:

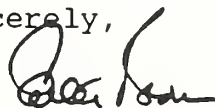
The Commission of Fine Arts was happy to meet with Larry Earle at the Anacostia Naval Station on 21 January to discuss plans for two new buildings: The Remote Delivery Site (RDS) and the Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF).

Because of their relatively low profile it would appear that the principal views of these structures would be primarily restricted to the base itself and not from the adjoining public road system or, more importantly, from across the river at Fort McNair or the Southeast Federal Center. However, the idea of keeping both new buildings in the same general range of colors and materials as the new helicopter facility located nearby is a good one as it will tend to give the whole a feeling of unity by minimizing the differences in the designs of the individual buildings.

As we stated while viewing the site, we continue to be concerned about the seemingly random development of the Anacostia Station. We understand that the often compelling nature of these projects make it difficult to plan for. Yet we are dealing with an extraordinary tract of land, a tract, I might add that will become visually more prominent with the forthcoming developments near Buzzards Point and the entire Anacostia riverfront east of South Capitol Street.

We urge once again that the longer term prospect for this facility be carefully weighed before any more buildings are constructed. Few capitals can boast of such properties as the Anacostia and Bolling area, and it would be regrettable if they were allowed to grow randomly with no thought as to their potential for the rest of the city.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. W.D. Faught; Director
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EXHIBIT K

21 January 1993

Dear Mr. Stanton:

The Commission would like to confirm approval of the design and site plan for the Vietnam Womens Memorial that were considered at its meeting on 24 September 1992. We have waited until now since some minor adjustments were still being studied with respect to the landscaping plans. These now appear to have been resolved satisfactorily, and we see no reason for any further delay in our report.

As is the usual practice, we would like to review material samples and inspect the sculptural group prior to final casting and patination.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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